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APPLICATION

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SPECIFICATION

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BE IT KNOWN THAT I, DON K. WOOTEN, a citizen of UNITED
25 STATES OF AMERICA, have invented a new and useful
CAMOUFLAGING APPARATUS of which the following is a specification:

CAMOUFLAGING APPARATUS

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to camouflage clothing devices and more particularly pertains to a new camouflage clothing device for providing a camouflaging means for a hunter.

15 Description of the Prior Art

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The use of camouflage clothing devices is known in the prior art. U.S. Patent No. 4,517,230 describes a device that includes elongated strips positioned on an article of the clothing for holding a plurality of artificial
leaves. Another type of camouflage clothing device is U.S. Patent No. 5,274,848 which includes a method of attaching a plurality of filaments to clothing for aiding in the camouflaging of the clothing.

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While these devices fulfill their respective, particular objectives and requirements, the need remains for a device that includes a body covering or garment which substantially covers a hunter for camouflaging the hunter's body. The device should include a means for allowing the hunter to determine the amount of camouflage and the color thereof to be positioned on the garment. This will provide more options for the hunter
to vary the use of the device and to tailor its use for a variety of environments.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention meets the needs presented above by providing
5 a body covering garment and couplers for selectively attaching a plurality
of flexible panels to the garment. The couplers allow the user of the
invention to selectively determine the color, positioning and amount of the
panels to be attached to the garment.

10 To this end, the present invention generally comprises a body
covering for removably positioning on a body. The body covering has an
outer surface and includes a pant and shirt combination for removably
positioning over the legs. Each of a plurality of flexible panels has a
length generally between 2 inches and 5 inches and a height generally
15 between 2 inches and 5 inches. Each of the panels has a first side and a
second side wherein each of the first sides is colored. A plurality of
couplers removably attaches the panels to the outer surface of the body
covering. Each of the panels may be selectively positioned on the outer
surface.

20 There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important
features of the invention in order that the detailed description thereof that
follows may be better understood, and in order that the present
contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional
25 features of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will
form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

The objects of the invention, along with the various features of
novelty which characterize the invention, are pointed out with particularity
30 in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference
5 to the annexed drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a schematic front view of a body covering of a camouflaging apparatus according to the present invention.

10 Figure 2 is a schematic front view of additional portions of the body covering of the present invention.

Figure 3 is a schematic front view of a bag of the present invention.

15 Figure 4 is a schematic front and back view of a panel of the present invention.

Figure 5 is a schematic perspective view of couplers of the present invention.

20 Figure 6 is a schematic cross-sectional view of couplers of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

25 With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to Figures 1 through 6 thereof, a new camouflage clothing device embodying the principles and concepts of the present invention and generally designated by the reference numeral 10a and 10b will be described.

30 As best illustrated in Figures 1 through 6, the camouflaging apparatus 10a and 10b generally comprises a body covering 12, shown in Figures 1 and 2, for removably positioning on the body. The body

covering 12 has an outer surface 14. The body covering 12 includes a pant 15 and shirt 16 combination for removably positioning over the legs, body and arms of a hunter. The body covering 12 may also include a pair of gloves 18 for removably positioning over hands, a hat 20 for removably positioning over a head and a face mask 22 for removably positioning over a face. The body covering 12 is comprises of a cloth material and may include any conventional material used for clothing by a hunter and may vary depending on the environment in which the apparatus is to be used.

10 A plurality of flexible panels 24 is provided. Each of the panels 24 has a length generally between 2 inches and 5 inches and a height generally between 2 inches and 5 inches. The panels 24 each have an irregular shape and, ideally, each of the panels 24 has a shape resembling a leaf. Each of the panels 24 has a first side 26 and a second side 28. Each of the first sides 26 is colored. Preferably, each of the first sides 26 is colored a color selected from the group including shades of yellow, green, red, brown and orange.

A plurality of couplers removably attaches each of the panels 24 to the outer surface 14. Each of the couplers includes a first mating member 30 attached to outer surface 14 of the body covering 12 and a second mating member 32 attached to the second side 28 of the panels 24. The first mating members 30 are spaced from each other and are generally evenly dispersed on the outer surface 14 so that pant 15 and shirt 16 combination, gloves 18, hat 20 and face mask 22 each have a plurality of first mating members 30 thereon. The first 30 and second 32 mating members preferably include a hook and loop fastening means. Other couplers that may be utilized include snap 34 and button 36 couplers.

A mesh container 38 is included for holding the panels 24. The mesh container 38 is preferably water and air permeable so that the panels 24 may be cleansed while being held in the container.

5 In use, the body covering 12 is positioned over the body of a hunter who wishes to be camouflaged. Each of the panels 24 may be selectively positioned on the outer surface 14 so that the body covering is substantially covered with the panels 24. The panels 24 may be chosen for their color so that the hunter blends into his surrounding while some
10 colors, such as yellow and orange, may be used to visually warn others of the presence of the camouflaged hunter.

 With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of the invention, to
15 include variations in size, materials, shape, form, function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by the present invention.

20 Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and
25 described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention.